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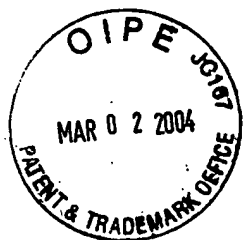
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	4,338,926	07/1982	Kummer et al.			
	5,562,672	10/1996	Huebner et al.			
	6,342,055	01/2002	Eisermann et al.			

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2 740 321	04/1997	France			Abstract Only
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	European Search Report dated January 20, 2004 of corresponding European Patent Application No. 03028649.

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